



## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS  
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Mrs. Eleanor R. Montano

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Mrs. Helen H. Stathatos

Mr. Frank S. Bacio  
Mr. Vito Cannella  
Ms. Rita Hall  
Mr. John A. Hammargren  
Mr. Carl E. Moore

### **MINUTES OF THE** **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **OCTOBER 18, 2006**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Montano called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

#### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Chair Montano led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montano  
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos  
Vito Cannella  
Rita Hall

##### Excused Absence

Frank Bacio  
John A. Hammargren  
Carl E. Moore

##### Others Present

Jim Corbett, Assistant Chief, Commission Services Division  
Audra Galang, Commission Services Staff

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Montano reported on a newspaper article from the Daily Breeze dated October 13, 2006 on two women, who were awarded \$3.5 million, who claimed they were molested decades ago while living in a Masonic shelter for children.

She also reported on a news article dated October 15, 2006 that most youth homicides are firearm-related. A 10-year-old, Siretha White, was killed at a birthday party at her aunt's home in Englewood, Chicago.

Chair Montano met Ms. Liz Howard, Department of Children and Family Services, to request that she attend the business and quarterly roundtable meetings or send an alternate. Ms. Howard said that they are unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

In the absence of Commissioner Bacio, the Treasurer's report was deferred to the next meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 11, 2006 MINUTES**

In the presence of a quorum, on motion of Commissioner Cannella, seconded by Commissioner Hall, and unanimously carried, the minutes of October 11, 2006 were approved.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Corbett, staff reported the following:

1. The Board approved the NEXUS XI Training Conference. A check was prepared for \$520 as payment to CSUS-ICAN and will be delivered by Chair Montano to the Conference.
2. The new Monthly Reporting Items sheet is ready to be mailed to the representatives of the Sheriff's Department, Department of Children and Family Services, Auditor-Controller and the Department of Mental Health.
3. Mr. Corbett reminded Commissioners of their Ethics Training in Room 374.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Chair Montano received several advertisements from companies asking for donation.

### **FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS**

#### **Affirmative Action Group Home – 1, #1**

Chair Montano visited this facility on October 16, 2006 and found all items in a corrective action plan were done. She gave a 5-page list of items of concern entitled, "AAPUL" (see attached) and they purchased three computers and three laptops that are on top of everything else.

#### **Street Academy, Inc. #2 – 101, #3**

Chair Montano and Commissioner Hammargren visited this facility on October 12, 2006 and found everything in order and very clean. It was given a rating of **Satisfactory**.

#### **Hillsides – 37, #1**

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on October 12, 2006 and found a good large home. They purchased an apartment building in Pasadena for transitional living. Some of the apartments were rented and the profit from rentals help underwrites the expense of the transitional housing. They received a \$700,000+ grant that was used to pay for major renovation of the apartment also on the grounds.

**Bourne Group Home – 37, #2**

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on October 17, 2006 and found all areas of concern in the Auditor-Controller's report had not been fixed. The Commissioners will revisit the facility within the next six weeks.

**Bourne Group Home – 37, #1**

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on October 17, 2006 and found all areas of concerns were okay.

**Rites of Passage – 93, #2**

Commissioners Hall, Bacio and Moore visited this facility on October 5, 2006 and were not able to inspect because the employee took the children to the doctor. The Commissioners went back on October 12, 2006 and found areas of concern. Repair the stove's two burners. The first aid kit needs replacement. Repair or replace the lower portion of the inside compartment of the refrigerator. Buy a doorknob for the silverware drawer. The wall at bedroom #3 needs patching and painting. The smoke detectors in the hallway and 2<sup>nd</sup> bedroom need to be reattached. The quick release bar in bedroom #2 needs repair. The interior of the house needs painting. They left the facility with the Corrective Action Plan.

**TLC Home for Girls – 106, #2**

**(Margie Staton Home for Girls)**

Commissioners Bacio and Hall visited this facility on October 17, 2006 and found areas of concern. The bedrooms and closet doors need painting. Removal of graffiti. Repair closet doors. Security bars in all four bedrooms need quick release.

**NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Montano shared inspection assignments with Commissioners for the following week.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

**MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)**

There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Montano adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m. in memory of Gerald D. Zaslaw, A.C.S.W., a recognized leader in the child-welfare field, who died in a boating accident on October 7, 2006 off the coast of Catalina Island.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jim Corbett*  
Staff